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MINUTES

COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC DEANS

July 19, 1977

Dr. Davis opened the meeting at 10 a.m. in the Academic Affairs Office. Those present included Jenkins, Russell, Gray, Oakes, Burt, Johnson, Sutton, Stroube, Hardin, O'Connor, Davis, and Corts. Dr. Johnson attended for Dr. Chelf and Dr. O'Connor attended for Dr. Sandefur.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Stroube and Dr. Gray reported on the activities of the sub-committee considering faculty load policies related to graduate instruction. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the committee would continue studying this matter and report to the deans at a later time. It was also agreed that the further study would include consideration of reducing the faculty load for all 27-hour faculty to 24-hours and the possibility of reducing the 24-hour faculty to a 21-hour load. The committee was asked to consider the cost factors and instructional impact which such a policy might have. Dr. Gray requested that the committee also be charged with the responsibility to reconsider the matter of the amount of load credit granted for the direction of theses, with possible consideration of resubmitting the proposal to change the regulation from five theses equaling a 3-hour load credit to three theses equaling a 3-hour load credit.

Dr. Stroube requested that the deans give consideration to the matter of a luncheon and meeting for all the new faculty to be held on Friday, August 19. The deans concurred that such a meeting would be very helpful, and it was agreed that the time would be 11:45 - 1:15.

Dr. Davis commented to the deans on the results of the meeting of the Council on Higher Education which he had attended at Murray over the weekend. Dr. Davis indicated specifically that no action had been taken on the Council proposal concerning Western's offerings through the extended campus program in the Louisville-Jefferson County area. In conjunction with this discussion, Dr. Davis indicated that he would like to see Western develop a two-year advance schedule of extended campus courses. Dr. Davis indicated that Murray State University prints their schedule for one semester plus summer in advance and suggested that Western give consideration to such an advance announcement of courses to be offered.

Dr. Sutton discussed the materials which had been distributed concerning policies and procedures related to the adding of courses or the making of changes in the class schedule bulletin. It was agreed by the deans on a motion by Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Dr. Gray that these procedures and policies should be followed as presented by Dr. Sutton. Dr. Davis commented on several

of the particular points that were in the policy and procedures including the need to keep all requests in writing and the need to indicate that schedule changes were within existing instructional resource allocations. Dr. Davis also indicated that he hoped that the development of a 2-year extended campus schedule might assist in the greater coordination of extended campus teaching with the total use of instructional resource allocations.

Dr. Davis requested each college dean to report on the reactions which they had received concerning the 60-hour Upper Division Requirement Proposal. Dr. Jenkins indicated a general preference for Option 1 on the course numbering philosophy statement. Dr. Jenkins also indicated that his department heads wish to see consideration given to changing the number of required residency hours in the major/minor/area from one-third to one-half and also the possibility of giving individual departments an opportunity to particularize such a requirement. Dr. Jenkins indicated that the department heads in his college would have some problems with Option 2 Alternative B. Dr. Russell commented on the discussions which had been held in Ogden College and indicated that Option 3 Alternative B or C seemed to be most acceptable to people in the College of Science and Technology. Mr. Oakes reported that Potter College department heads generally accepted Option 1 of the proposed course numbering philosophy with several changes which he suggested. Mr. Oakes also indicated that Potter College generally favored Option 3 Alternative C as perhaps the best 60-hour proposal. Mr. Burt indicated that the department heads in the College of Applied Arts and Health felt that Option 3 Alternative C was perhaps the most desirable of the various options presented. Dr. O'Connor indicated the concerns of the department heads in the College of Education that flexibility be maintained in any requirement concerning upper division hours and expressed the feeling that some type of requirement such as that of Option 3 Alternative C would perhaps offer sufficient flexibility. Dr. Davis indicated that the Office of Academic Affairs would give additional consideration to this matter and the various points that had been raised by deans in their reports and present an additional report to the Council of Academic Deans at the July 26 or August 2 meeting.

Dr. Gray indicated that the committee which had been studying the pass/fail graduate grading proposal has had an additional meeting and agreed to indefinitely table the proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. R. Corts", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul R. Corts, Secretary